



**Governor Dolph Briscoe Jr.,
Texas Agricultural Lifetime Leadership
(TALL) Program**

**Class XVI - Session 4
Washington, DC, Maryland, Pennsylvania
and New York
April 6-13, 2019**

“National Government: Issues and Policies”

**TEXAS A&M
AGRI LIFE
EXTENSION**

Saturday, April 6, 2019

Check into Holiday Inn Capitol | <http://www.hicapitoldc.com/>
Address: 550 C Street SW, Washington, D.C., 20024 | 202.479.4000
Contact: Jordan Elias, Tour & Travel Sales Manager | 202.378.1165

Presiding: **Dr. Jim Mazurkiewicz**
Dress: **Casual, bring a jacket and dress warm**
Transportation: **Bus**

Bus Company: US COACHWAYS contact:
David Allison 646-210-3753 | DAllison@USCoachwaysinc.com
Bus Driver:

5:30 p.m. Hotel Check-In

8:15 p.m. Meet in lobby for bus

8:30 p.m. **“Washington After Dark” Tour - Bus will pick us up at the hotel.**

Step off to visit Jefferson Memorial, Kennedy Center, Marine Corps Memorial, Lincoln Memorial, Vietnam and Korean Veterans Memorial. View from Coach: Capitol, Library of Congress, House & Senate, White House, etc.

11:00 p.m. Return to hotel and adjourn for evening

Sunday, April 7, 2019

FREE DAY for TALL

Suggestions: The National Cathedral, Arlington National Cemetery, The Holocaust Museum, The National Zoo, Mount Vernon, Old Town Alexandria, George Town, Union Station, The Kennedy Center, The Smithsonian, Monticello, or anything else you find interesting.

Presiding: **Kassidy Martin & Katy Slough**
Dress: **Casual, bring a jacket and dress warm, and wear comfortable shoes**

6:00 p.m. Travel by Uber to the home of Mr. Jeff Harrison

641 C Street NE, Washington, DC 20002

6.5 blocks east of the Hart Senate Office Building on C Street NE, about a half block from Stanton Park.

“Working with Congress and the New Farm Bill”
Dinner hosted by Mr. Jeff Harrison, Combest, Sell & Associates

MUST make speaker gift bags before you leave hotel
CANNOT take **OLGA** inside buildings

Monday, April 8, 2019

Presiding..... Travis Britt & Matt Thomas
Dress:..... Business Attire
Transportation Metro
Breakfast Breakfast on Your Own
NOTE..... Everyone will need a Photo ID

7:30 a.m. Meet in Hotel lobby to depart for **Longworth Building**

Metro Planner: Holiday Inn Capitol to Longworth

Walk approx. 1 block N on 6th St SW.-Turn LeftTurn left on Independence Ave SW.-walk a short distance W on Independence Ave SW.-32 - 1 mins- Departs from INDEPENDENCE AVE SW & 6TH ST SW -7:57am - Board 32 towards SOUTHERN AVE STATION - 7:58am - Arrive at INDEPENDENCE AVE SE & S CAPITOL ST SE Walk - 3 min - 0.1 miles turn Walk a short distance W on Independence Ave SE. Turn Left on S Capitol St SE.-
Walk approx. 1 block S on S Capitol St SE

1300 Longworth Building

8:10 a.m. **Welcome.....Ms. Jennifer Yezak, TALL II Alumnae**
Deputy Clerk House Agriculture Committee

8:15 a.m. **EPA Briefing**

9:00 a.m. **“Heritage’s efforts to reshape the farm bill debate”****Darren Bakst**
Research Fellow in Ag Policy,
Institute for Economic Freedom and Opportunity, The Heritage Foundation

9:45 a.m. **“Sensitivity of Global Markets and How Policy Affects Trade in a World Economy”****Patrick Kirwan, Director,**
Trade Promotion Coordinating Committee (TPCC)
U.S. Department of Commerce, International Trade Administration

10:30 a.m. **Ag Committee Update.....Keith Jones, Senior Professional Staff**
House Committee on Agriculture, TALL I Alumnus

11:00 a.m. Depart Room 1300

11:15 a.m. **TBA**

11:30 a.m. **Lunch & Personal Congressional Visits**
(Lunch on your own in the Longworth building Cafeteria)

1:00 pm **Depart for Eisenhower Building (MUST BE AT SECURITY BY 1:20 PM)**

Metro Planner: Longworth to Eisenhower Building

Walk - 4 min - 0.1 miles - to INDEPENDENCE AVE SE & NEW JERSEY AVE SE-Walk approx. 1 block N on S Capitol St SE.-Turn right on Independence Ave SE.-Walk approx. 1 block E on Independence Ave SE.-30N - 22 mins
Departs from INDEPENDENCE AVE SE & NEW JERSEY AVE SE-1:18pm - Board 30N towards FRIENDSHIP HEIGHTS-1:40pm - Arrive at I ST & 17TH ST NW-Walk - 12 min - 0.3 miles-Walk a short distance E on I St NW. Turn right on Connecticut Ave NW-Walk approx. 1 block S on Connecticut Ave NW-Walk straight on Jackson Pl NW-Walk approx. 1 block S on Jackson Pl NW-Walk straight on W Executive Ave NW-Walk approx. 1 block S on

White House Contact: Chris Chaffee- C: 202-881-8041

Entering the White House Complex: Please plan to enter the White House Complex through the Southwest Visitors Entrance located at 17th Street and State Place. A map is attached for your convenience. Chris Chaffee, Office of Public Liaison will plan to meet you in the Eisenhower Executive Office Building (Room 350).

Important Information: Upon arrival, U.S. Secret Service will need to check your **driver's license or passport**. This must be a current, valid form of identification, and paper copies will not be accepted. Please keep in mind that if there are any discrepancies (including minor "typos") between the personal information that you submit and what is listed on your ID, U.S. Secret Service will not be able to admit you. If you arrive at the White House Complex and realize that the information that you submitted is incorrect, correcting that personal information during business hours frequently takes over an hour for U.S. Secret Service to process. We strongly advise that all guests confirm that their personal information is correct before passing it along. Any mistakes will lead to potential delays, which unfortunately could result in you being denied access to the White House Complex.

After your ID has been checked, you will go through security like what you are used to seeing at the airport. You will then be issued a temporary badge that will give you access to the Eisenhower Executive Office Building. **Please plan to spend at least 15 minutes passing through security.**

Directions to Room 350: You will enter the EEOB through Room 10. Please take a left when you walk out of Room 10 and follow the hallway until you reach the staircase. Proceed up to the third floor and turn right. You'll find Room 350 at the end of the hall.

1:20 p.m. **Meet at Visitor's entrance to begin Check in process**

1:45 p.m. **Be in EEOB Room 350 and ready for session to begin**

Presiding: Kristin Lambrecht & Sara Lemoine Knox
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2:00 p.m. **"Insight from the White House" Brooke Rollins**
Assistant to President Donald Trump, Office of American Innovation

2:45 pm **Travel back to Longworth Building Room 1302**

<p><u>Metro Planner: Eisenhower Building to Longworth</u> Walk - 11 min - 0.3 miles to H ST & MADISON PL NW-Walk approx. 1 block N on W Executive Ave NW.- Walk straight on Jackson PI NW-Walk a short distance N on Jackson PI NW.-Turn right on Unnamed. -Walk approx. 2 blocks NE on Unnamed-32 - 6 mins Departs from H ST & MADISON PL NW 3:01pm - Board 32 towards SOUTHERN AVE STATION-3:07pm - Arrive at INDEPENDENCE AVE SE & S CAPITOL ST SE Walk - 3 min - 0.1 miles-Walk a short distance W on Independence Ave SE.-Turn left on S Capitol St SE. Walk approx. 1 block S on S Capitol St SE.</p>
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3:30 pm **U.S. Congressman Mike Conaway, Texas' 11th Congressional District**

4:30 pm **James Glueck, Senior Policy Advisor**
U.S. Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry
Chairman Senate Pending, may walk to Senate Building

5:30 pm **Depart**

FREE EVENING

Tuesday, April 9, 2018

Presiding: Steven Hayes & Casey Crabtree
Dress Business Attire
Transportation..... Metro
Breakfast..... Breakfast on Your Own

8:00 a.m. TBA- *CropLife America and issues facing American Agriculture*
9:00 a.m. Depart for USDA

Metro Planner: US Dept. of Energy to USDA
Walk - 6 min - 0.2 miles | to SMITHSONIAN METRO STATION Enter station at 12TH ST SW & INDEPENDENCE AVE SW entrance
|BLUE LINE - 2 mins Departs from SMITHSONIAN METRO STATION 9:09am - Board BLUE LINE towards LARGO TOWN
CENTER 9:11am - Arrive at LENFANT PLAZA METRO STATION SILVER LINE - 2 mins
Departs from LENFANT PLAZA METRO STATION 9:14am - Board SILVER LINE towards WIEHLE RESTON EAST
9:16am - Arrive at SMITHSONIAN METRO STATION Walk - 4 min - 0.1 miles
Exit station at 12TH ST SW & INDEPENDENCE AVE SW to destination

9:45 a.m. Be in room and ready for session to begin
10:00 a.m. **USDA Briefing**
Foreign Agricultural Services..... TBA
Markets, Trade & Tariffs Warren Preston, Deputy Chief Economist
US Farm Bill & Crop Insurance.....David L. Miller, Director
Reinsurance Services

12:00 p.m. LUNCH in the Ag Secretary's lunch room

1:15 p.m. **Depart for Longworth Building**

Metro Planner: USDA to Longworth
Walk - 5 min - 0.1 miles to INDEPENDENCE AVE SE & NEW JERSEY AVE SE - Walk approx. 1 block N on S Capitol
St SE. Turn right on Independence Ave SE. -Walk approx. 1 block E on Independence Ave SE. -30N - 17
mins-Departs from INDEPENDENCE AVE SE & NEW JERSEY AVE SE-1:18pm - Board 30N towards FRIENDSHIP
HEIGHTS-1:35pm - Arrive at 15TH ST NW & F ST NW- Walk - 11 min - 0.3 miles-Walk approx. 1 block S on 15th
St NW.-Turn right on Alexander Hamilton Pl NW. - Walk approx. 1 block W on Alexander Hamilton Pl NW.

Presiding:Jessica Escobar & Sarah Franklin

LONGWORTH BUILDING 1302

2:00 p.m. **House Agriculture Committee.....Matt Schertz, Staff Director**
Bart Fischer, Deputy Staff Director/Chief Economist

3:00 p.m. **Depart for Farm Bureau Building**

Metro Planner: Longworth to National Farm Bureau Building
WALK APPROX. 1 BLOCK N ON S CAPITOL ST SE.-TURN RIGHT ON INDEPENDENCE AVE SE-WALK APPROX. 1
BLOCK E ON INDEPENDENCE AVE SE.-34 - 4 MINS-DEPARTS FROM INDEPENDENCE AVE SE & NEW JERSEY AVE SE
3:09PM - BOARD 34 TOWARDS POTOMAC PARK-3:13PM - ARRIVE AT INDEPENDENCE AVE & 6TH ST
WALK - 7 MIN - 0.2 MILES-WALK A SHORT DISTANCE S ON UNNAMED-TURN RIGHTTURN RIGHT ON
INDEPENDENCE AVE SW.-TURN WALKWALK A SHORT DISTANCE W ON INDEPENDENCE AVE SW.
LEFT ON 6TH ST SW.-WALK A SHORT DISTANCE S ON 6TH ST SW-TURN RIGHT ON MARYLAND AVE SW.-WALK
APPROX. 1 BLOCK W ON MARYLAND AVE SW.-TURN LEFTTURN LEFT ON UNNAMED-WALK A SHORT DISTANCE
SE ON UNNAMED

3:15 p.m. Be in room and ready for session to begin

3:30 p.m. **American Farm Bureau Federation
“Issues Facing US Agriculture Domestically and Globally”**

Dale Moore, Executive Director
John Newton, Chief Economist

5:30 pm Depart for dinner (on your own) / Ford’s Theater
Several Restaurants near Ford’s Theater

Metro Planner: Farm Bureau Building to Ford’s Theater
WALK A SHORT DISTANCE NW ON UNNAMED-TURN LEFT ON MARYLAND AVE SW.-WALK A SHORT DISTANCE W
ON MARYLAND AVE SW-ORANGE LINE - 5 MINS-DEPARTS FROM LENFANT PLAZA METRO STATION 5:34PM -
BOARD ORANGE LINE TOWARDS VIENNA FAIRFAX-GMU-5:39PM - ARRIVE AT METRO CENTER METRO STATION-
WALK - 6 MIN - 0.2 MILES-EXIT STATION AT 12TH ST NW & F ST NW TO DESTINATION-WALK APPROX. 1 BLOCK E
ON F ST NW-TURN RIGHT ON 10TH ST NW-WALK APPROX. 1 BLOCK S ON 10TH ST NW

511 Tenth St, NW, Washington, DC 20004

Presiding: Dr. Jim Mazurkiewicz
Transportation Metro
Dinner Meal is Self-Directed and On Your Own

7:00 pm **Arrive no later than 7:00 p.m. at Ford’s Theatre**
Group Sales: (202) 638-2367 | Box Office: (202) 347-4833

Dr. Jim will pick up tickets and distribute to participants at the Theater Entrance
(Tickets held at Ford’s Theatre Box Office. Present copy of confirmation letter)

Run Time: This performance is approximately 2 hours and 45 minutes, including 1 intermission.

7:00 p.m. Dr. Mazurkiewicz will distribute tickets
7:15 pm **Seating begins – Do not be late!**
7:30 pm **Performance “INTO THE WOODS”**
10:30 pm Take Metro back to **Holiday Inn Capitol**

Wednesday, April 10, 2019

Presiding.....Preston Ingram & Michael Lawrence
Dress.....Business Casual
Breakfast.....Breakfast on Your Own
TransportationBus

7:00 a.m. Meet in hotel lobby with luggage, **CHECK OUT** and load bus.

**Coordinated by William Amoss, Administrator,
Harford County MD Land Preservation Programs (LEAD ALUMNUS)**

7:15a.m. Depart for **Maryland tours**

7:45 a.m. Homework assignments, talks, news releases, etc. presented on the bus

9:15 a.m. Arrive and tour **Holloway Brothers Farm**

“Ag Retail Sales and Commercial Ag Agronomy Center”

Karen Holloway, Manager- Holloway Brothers Farm

**“County Land Preservation Program”William Amoss, Administrator
Harford County, MD Land Preservation Programs (LEAD ALUMNUS)**

Presiding:..... DeLinda Hicklen & Leanne Wiley

10:45 a.m. Depart for Rigbie Farm

11:00 a.m. **Rigbie Farm Tour..... Sharon Clark, Owner**

12:00 p.m. Depart for **Broom’s Bloom Dairy**

12:30 p.m. **Lunch and tour at Broom’s Bloom Dairy**

David and Kate Dallam, Owners, Broom’s Bloom Dairy

2:30 p.m. Depart for Riehl Farm (Amish Farm) - **(NO CAMERAS!)**

Presiding:..... Colt Hoffmann & Matthew Okeson

4:00 p.m. Arrive and tour **Riehl Farm (dairy farm)**

Tour Hosts.....Sam and Susie Riehl, Owners

**Pennsylvania Welcome.....Russell C. Redding, Secretary of Agriculture
for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Pennsylvania Department of Ag**

6:30 p.m. Depart for hotel in **New York City**

9:00 p.m. **Arrive and check into the ROW NYC Hotel**

FREE EVENING

Thursday, April 11, 2019

Presiding:..... Travis Wilson & James Plyler
Dress:..... Business Casual
Breakfast Breakfast on Your Own
Transportation Bus

- 6:30 a.m. Bus departs for **Mosner Family Brands** – wholesale meat company
- 7:15 a.m. **Mosner Family Brands meat packing operation**
Benjamin Mosner, Vice President of Sales, Mosner Family Brands
- 9:00 a.m. Depart for Baldor Specialty Food, Inc.
- 9:30 a.m. **Tour**..... **Jared Walton**, Sales Executive

Presiding:.....**Rob Hughes & Seth Sowder**

NOTE: **Lunch to be paid by your individual donation.**

11:30 a.m. Bus departs for **Community Kitchen in West Harlem**

12:00 p.m. Arrive at Community Kitchen of West Harlem

- Tour Food Pantry
- Discuss the SNAP & WICK Programs
- Discuss Nutrition Programs with the Chef

12:45 p.m. Lunch at Community Kitchen

Lunch to be paid by your individual donation

1:30 p.m. Depart for World Trade Center **MUST DEPART ON TIME**

Additional Instructions:

Please arrive 30 minutes prior to the meeting to allow for time to check in with the front desk. Make sure you have your driver's license or a photo ID to pass through security.

2:30 p.m. Arrive and clear security

The Port Authority of New York & New Jersey

3:00 p.m. **Introductions**

Bethann Rooney, Assistant Director, Strategy & Innovation

Port 101..... **Sean Kazmark**, Principal Transportation Planner

Overview of the functions of The Port Authority, imports and exports, regional roles and responsibilities, and capital improvement projects.

FTZ Overview..... **Francis Caponi**, Senior Logistics Analyst
An introduction to the Foreign Trade Zone (FTZ) program and the benefits derived from participating in it. In addition, an overview of the role The Port Authority plays serving as the Grantee for Zone No. 49.

Port Rail**Patrick Thrasher**, Manager- Port Rail Program
Jeffrey Brauner, Principal Transportation Planner
Port Rail Program

New York New Jersey Rail is a Short Line Marine Railroad which is unique to The Port Authority. It is a system that moves domestic freight in loaded railcars across the harbor via marine rail barge (carfloat) between New Jersey and Brooklyn

4:00 p.m. Q & A

4:15 p.m. “The New Food Economy”**Kate Cox**, Editor- The New Food Economy
Joe Fassler, Deputy editor- The New Food Economy
Karen Karp, President-Karen Karp & Partners
Christophe Hille, Senior Consultant- Karen Karp & Partners

5:00 p.m. Return to Hotel

FREE EVENING

Friday, April 12, 2019

Presiding	John Van de Pol & Robert Ward
Dress	Business Casual
Breakfast	On Your Own
Transportation	Bus

**Coordinated by Larry Van De Valk, Executive Director
Empire State Food and Agricultural Leadership Institute (LEAD New York)**

- 7:00 a.m. Assemble in Lobby
- 7:15 a.m. Bus departs for Pine Island DeBuck's Sod Farm
- 8:45 a.m. **DeBuck's Sod Farm**..... **Leonard and Greg DeBuck**
- 10:00 a.m. **Ruszkiewicz Onion Farm**..... **Paul Ruszkiewicz**

Presiding: Stephanie Bradley Fryer & Liza Parker

- 11:15 a.m. Depart for the Jolly Onion Restaurant
- 11:30 a.m. **Lunch & Speaker at the Jolly Onion**
*TBA- **Richard Ball**, New York's Commissioner of Ag and Markets
Or Deputy Commissioner will join*
- 1:00 p.m. Depart for Kerhonkson

Presiding: Cassidy Martin & Katy Slough

- 1:30 p.m. **Tour Kelder's Farm**..... **Chris, Jackie and John Kelder**
- 3:15 p.m. Travel to Walden
- 3:30 p.m. **Tour Crist Orchards** – orchard, packing house and cold storage
Jenny (Crist) Kohn, Crist Bros. Orchards
- 5:00 p.m. Depart for NYC

FREE EVENING

Saturday, April 13, 2019
CHECK OUT OF HOTEL ~Session Adjourned